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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

12 RAED SWEIS,)) No. C 07-2044 MEJ
13 Plaintiff,)
14 v.)
15 ROBERT MUELLER III, Director,) STIPULATION TO TRANSFER VENUE OF
Federal Bureau of Investigations;) ACTION TO EASTERN DISTRICT OF
16 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary,) CALIFORNIA; AND [PROPOSED] ORDER
Department of Homeland Security;) [28 U.S.C. § 1406(a)]
17 DAVID STILL, District Director, U.S.)
Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS);)
18 EMILIO GONZALEZ, Director, USCIS)
TERRY RICE, San Francisco Field Office)
19 Director, USCIS,)
Defendants.)
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22 This is an action arising under 8 U.S.C. § 1447(b). Plaintiff, a resident of Rancho Cordova,
23 California, alleges that he attended a naturalization examination on March 15, 2006, but his
24 application remains unadjudicated.

25 Pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1447(b), if there is failure to make a naturalization determination 120
26 days or more after the date of a naturalization examination, the applicant may apply to the United
27 States District Court for the district in which the applicant resides for a hearing on the matter.

28 Rancho Cordova, California is located in Sacramento County, in the Eastern District of

Stipulation to Transfer
C07-2044 MEJ

1 California. 28 U.S.C. § 84(a). Accordingly, venue for this action is proper in the Eastern District,
2 but not in this District.

3 The parties to this action, by and through their attorneys, hereby stipulate and request of the
4 Court that this action should be transferred to the Eastern District of California pursuant to 28
5 U.S.C. § 1406(a). Section 1406(a) provides:

6 The district court of a district in which is filed a case laying in venue in the wrong division
7 or district shall dismiss, or if it be in the interest of justice, transfer such case to any district
or division in which it could have been brought.

8 Because venue is proper only in the Eastern District, the parties believe that the interests of justice
9 require that this action be transferred to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of
10 California.

11 In addition, the time for a response to the complaint has not yet run, and in view of the
12 uncertainty as to when this action will be docketed and assigned to a judge in the Eastern District
13 of California, the parties further stipulate and request of the Court that the time for the Defendants
14 to answer, move, plead or otherwise respond to the Complaint should be extended to 40 days after
15 the date the action is docketed and assigned to a judge in the Eastern District of California.
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17 Date: May 31, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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20 _____ /s/
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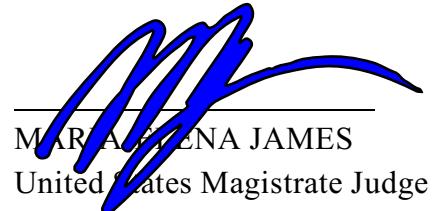
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26 Date: May 31, 2007

27 _____ /s/
28 ELIAS Z. SHAMIEH
Attorney for Plaintiff

1 **ORDER**
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3 The foregoing stipulation is approved and this action is hereby transferred to the United
4 States District Court for the Eastern District of California, the judicial district in which this case
5 should have been brought. The time for Defendants to answer, move, plead or otherwise respond
6 to the Plaintiff's Complaint shall be extended to 40 days after the action is docketed, and a judge
7 assigned, in the Eastern District of California. IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Date: June 5, 2007

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10 MARLENE JAMES
11 United States Magistrate Judge